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EDMONTONIANS OF TWENTY YEARS AGO

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This photograph was taken in the later eighties at a cricket match held on the old grounds directly behind the present Hudson's Bay Store.

Reading from left to right the names of those in the group are:—

On stand: A. D. Osborne, E. Raymer, J. Brown, J. O. Kildall, F. D. Fortin, J. Holman, F. Sage.

Standing: J. J. Mackenzie, J. Petrie, J. Chabot, Al. Paterson, W. Edmiston, A. Boag, J. E. Graham, J. Goodridge, J. Martin, Alex. Taylor, Donald Ross, Camp. Younge, Harrison Younge, Dr. H. C. Wilson, Capt. Casey, J. Looby, Rev. G. Lounge.

Sitting: A. Caughlin, J. Thurston, B. Wilson, Ed. Looby, Dick Hardisty, J. R. Michael, Dr. McInnis, Capt. Percy, P. H. Daly.

The Saturday News Christmas Number provides an excellent souvenir of Edmonton, past and present. It is on sale at all bookstores and news stands, at the Saturday News office and at the Edmonton Printing and Publishing Co. Its price is twenty-five cents. For sending to friends at a distance as a holiday reminder nothing could be better.

Note and Comment

The Saturday News had a birthday last week, when it commenced the second year of its existence. That in the time that has elapsed since it made its bow to the public it has won for itself a permanent and a useful place in the life of the city and province, its management feels assured. But its reputation is not merely a local one. It is a matter of no small satisfaction that by attracting attention in other parts of the continent and even beyond the sea, it has been able to carry on effective missionary work for Edmonton and Alberta generally. We may be pardoned for showing no small degree of pride, for instance, on reading the following tribute paid by "Kit," whose work on the Toronto Mail and Empire has been one of the outstanding features of that paper for many years.

"In its notes and comments" she writes "the Saturday News is racy and pungent, and shows a wide knowledge not only of Western affairs, but of Canadian matters at large. Keen attention is paid to the Parliamentarians at Ottawa, to the athletic world, to investments and investors, the farmer, and matters pertaining to settlers. "The Lounger" contributes a gossipy column or so, while "The Mirror"—delightful title for the woman's page!—conducted by "Peggy," treasurer of the Canadian Women's Press Club, is one of the brightest departments of its kind to be found anywhere in the Dominion. The paper, printing, and whole make-up of this journal is of the best, while the price is the nominal one of $1.50 per year. Every week sees this enterprising journal growing better and brighter. From "down east" we send hearty wishes for success to our breezy Western friend."

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During the year that lies before us, with the assurance that it brings of wonderful development to this richly favored part of the west, the Saturday News earnestly hopes that the journalistic friendship which it has formed with so large a body of readers may be further cemented and that it may continue to merit their confidence and support.

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The government of Manitoba on seeking the approval of the province in regard to its public telephone proposals met with a defeat. The opposition newspapers, however, claim that the verdict must not be considered as rendered against the principle of government telephone control but as against the particular scheme proposed by Mr. Roblin and his colleagues. The result means a considerable delay in the adoption of a definite programme. In the meanwhile the Alberta government is actually proceeding with the construction of its lines. That from Calgary to Banff, 85 miles in length, will be ready for use before long and tenders are being asked for that from Edmonton to Lloydminster, 200 miles. Construction will be of a substantial character and the line will be as nearly mechanically perfect as possible. The next branch projected is that to Athabasca Landing. The government's policy is undoubtedly in complete accord with public sentiment and it is to be congratulated on the speed and thoroughness with which it is carrying out its plans.

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"The Federal Government" says the Vegreville Observer "have the makings of a pretty piece of trouble on their hands unless they take prompt measures to allay the ever-growing discontent of the Western people in regard to mail."

Matters are no worse than they were last spring; if anything there has been an improvement. Certainly the towns down the C. N. R. are better off than they were. But when there was a Dominion bye-election in the constituency in which Vegreville is situated last April, that town rolled up a majority of 90 for the government candidate. The Saturday News suggested at the time that if Vegreville had any fault to find with the government's method of postal administration, it took a queer way of showing its disapproval. The Observer made a reply to the effect that the Saturday News man had wheels in his think-tank and that the government was meeting the needs of the town satisfactorily. In view of this declaration, what are we to think of its present attitude of concern? Surely the government is not to be blamed for assuming that Vegreville is contented with existing conditions.

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The high price at which coal is selling in Edmonton has directed attention to the methods of mining and marketing that are being pursued in the district. Two conclusions have been arrived at, that the methods employed in getting the coal out of the ground are behind the times and that the product should sell very much more cheaply than it does. There is nothing very startling about either. It is only of late that any large investors have been attracted to the industry in this part of the west, but now that they have become interested, we may expect a great increase in the output and the application of more economical ideas. This, of course, will in turn affect the price. But even with the old conditions prevailing, this has been of late higher than it should have

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Music and the Drama

Wetaskiwin amateurs scored a triumph on December 14th when they produced the operetta "The Merry Milkmaids" in Augus Hall. The principal roles were all in most capable hands. Mrs P. C. Dobson in the part of the Queen of the Dairy Maids, Miss Lucy Knight, whose Dorothy was an inimitable bit of acting, and Miss B. Martin as Monica, the Indian fortune-teller, were a trio of which any town might be proud. J. U. Hey, the stage manager, was unwearying in his efforts to make the production a success and took the double role of the Commodore and the Beggar. P. A. Miquelon, as the Doctor and the Peddlar, proved himself a comedian of no mean ability. E. D. McLaughlin was an efficient Capt. ain of the farmers' brigade and the singing and acting of T. Kelly of Edmonton, as Farmer Jim won rounds of applause. H. J. Montgomery as Judge was an ornament to the Bench. The chorus work was excellent and the appearance of the dairy maids calls for special attention. The performance will be repeated in January.

The Christmas services in the various churches showed what remarkable progress music has made in Edmonton during the past year. Every choir in the city has been greatly strengthened and the musical festival to be held here next spring should prove a revelation. Excellent progress is being made with the work on "The Creation," to be produced early in the new year under Mr Jackson Hanby's leadership.

Tom Marks and his dog Buster, who appear quite prominently on the bill boards, are well-known characters throughout the country. Tom is big and handsome, while Buster, though not beautiful, is decidedly picturesque. Tom Marks is one of the best Irish comedians of the stage to-day. His clever work and unique personality ensure him a hearty reception wherever he goes. His Irish roles differ from the conventional stage Irishman. The latter was a caricature, a distortion and an insult to one of the finest peoples on the globe. Tom Marks is the real thing. His plays are not the old Irish dramas, but are new, original and entertaining. Tom will be at the Opera House supported by a strong company next week.

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IN THE ATHLETIC WORLD

In its report of a recent game in the Central Alberta League between Lacombe and Wetaskiwin, the Lacombe Globe says :

Wetaskiwin was handicapped from the fact that its team had never played together before, two men having been brought down from Strathcona and two from Edmonton for the occasion. But the visitors were never in it for a minute, and towards the last very rough tactics were resorted to.

We endeavored to get the names of Wetaskiwin team, but the goal keeper could only give us the names of those from the north, and the captain of the team was only acquainted with one or two who lived in Wetaskiwin.

But Lacombe did not play under protest because of Wetaskiwin's imported players. Lacombe is not that kind of a sport. Any old team is welcome to come here and be defeated.

The score was 7 to 3.

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If this charge is correct and Strathcona and Edmonton players were imported to play for Wetaskiwin, does it not emphasize the need, which has been pointed out in this column from time to time, of having some body to govern the game of hockey in this part of the west ? If things are allowed to go on in their present haphazard form, the game will speedily go to the dogs and those who are in the best position to help it along will lose interest. During the past week an Edmonton paper protested against the playing of one of the members of last year's city team this winter on the ground that his action in absenting himself from a match last year was open to suspicion. An investigation should have been held but who is there to hold it ? If we had an Alberta Hockey Association it could look into all such matters as these.

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There cannot be too great strictness in enforcing fair play in athletics. Last week I called attention to the fact that a runner who participated in some English games under an assumed name had been brought into court recently and convicted on a charge of fraud. We can learn a lot from English practice in these matters. A friend calls attention to another case, which transpired some years ago, in which Joseph Cavanagh, an athlete of Leeds, England, and William Holliday, a trainer, were given six months with hard labor on account of Cavanagh's entering a race under another name. A lot of money was up on the race, and it was a clear case of conspiracy. But has this not been done over and over again in all parts of Canada ? The Lacombe Globe does not charge that the Edmonton and Strathcona players were represented as Wetaskiwin men. But in most cases where a team makes importations, it goes this length and puts itself in exactly the same position as these English sporting men who were sent down for six months. We should start Alberta athletics right. Hockey is undoubtedly of all games played in the province the most popular, and its friends should see to it that it is guided by the proper sportsman like ideas.

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The opening game of the season between Edmonton and Strathcona at the rink across the river on Christmas Day brought out an immense crowd. A good exhibition was given and it looks as if the two teams will be pretty evenly matched throughout the season. Edmonton won by 7 to 5 but had most of the luck that was going, and Strathcona was pressing hard at the finish. The two Blomfields made an excellent impression, the older one being as fine a skater as has ever been seen on local ice, fully justifying the repntation which he had in the east of being one of the best all-round athletes in the Dominion. Lines in goal did effective work, but is not quite the equal of his predecessor, Grady. Deeton was not available, and his lightning rushes were missed. He will strengthen the team very much when he returns to the city. Campbell's fine shot from centre that beat Sutherland won him a round of applause. McArthur, Strathcona's glory of last season didn't have much of a chance to distinguish himself owing to Arnold Johnson's close checking. Raitt, at cover point, is a distinct acquisition for Strathcona. Two years ago he played for Portage la Prairie in the Manitoba League. He, McRae, McArthur, and Hampton are old Lachute, Ont., players. Sutherland, the goal keeper, is not yet 16, and after he gets over his nervousness, which was apparent on Tuesday, should give a good account of himself. Ritchie and McLeod were always in the game. Edmonton's captain, "Rockie" Powers, proved himself a good leader, and as strong, effective a player as last winter. Banford's lifts were, as usual, a feature. The return match on New Year's Day in Edmonton, is being eagerly looked forward to.

Despite the fact that Edmonton curlers have no rink this season, their hands have not lost their cunning. Two rinks visited Strathcona on Christmas day and won out in a friendly match with the club across the river. The scores were as follows :

Strathcona—T. Henderson, E. T. Baines, A. J. McLean, G. F. Downes, skip, 8. A. Garbe, W. McElroy, W. H. McMahon, W. H. Sheppard, skip, 11. Total 19.
Edmonton—E. H. Simpson, W. B. Ibbotson, W. H. Ketchum, A. C. Fraser, skip, 16. Dan. Tidsbury, T. Congdon, T. M. Turnbull, J. G. Kinnaird, skip, 14. Total 29.
Majority for Edmonton, 10 shots.

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Strathcona proposes to hold a bonspiel early in February.

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The games in Strathcona for the Ochsner cup have been very keenly contested, Mayor Sheppard's rink finally winning out, its competitor in the final being J. F. Weir's aggregation, the score standing 12-9. The winning rink consisted of A. Garbe, W. M. Elroy, W. H. McMahon and W. H. Sheppard, skip.

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Kenny Blatchford has issued a challenge to meet any skater in western Canada, He is willing to race for $300 but not for less than $100.

COVER POINT.

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With the Investor

A movement is on foot among those who purchased property at Capital Hill, to the west of Edmonton, at the bend of the river, to have the street railway line extended a mile beyond the city limits for their benefit. If the council should yield to the request, it might as well say good bye to any hope of success for the railway as a municipal enterprise. If the line is extended out into the country for the benefit of Capital Hill, why should it not be extended to twenty or thirty other subdivisions? If the council should countenance the movement at all, it would have continual trouble on its hands. No line should be built for the sake of a population that is in prospect in any particular part of the city or suburbs. The municipality will have all it can do in serving those sections which are populated already.

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Mr. Charles May, the retiring mayor, when in Winnipeg assumed for the time being the role of a prophet in regard to what the immediate future has in store for Edmonton. He looks for an increase of 8,000 in population in 1907 and the erection of at least $5,000,000 worth of new buildings. He is certainly well within the mark in respect to this last figure. The record for 1906 will come within a short distance of $2,000,000 and that includes no single item over $100,000. During the coming year we shall have the $1,000,000 parliament buildings, the $225,000 post office, the court house and other large public enterprises to count in. The high level bridge cannot properly be included but it will involve an expenditure of two million and by August the G. T. P. will be within our gates. Christmas visitors twelve months hence, will see a vastly altered city.

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A. W. Toll has sold his 160 acre farm near Strathcona to J. C. Johnson of Edmonton for $7,200, exactly four times what he paid for it six years ago.

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There is no question regarding the increase of real estate activity in Calgary. Suburban property is being paid particular attention to. A good deal of capital from the eastern states is coming in. Some property to the southwest of the city which was bought some months ago for $47 an acre has been disposed of by the senior member of the firm of Rutter and Young for $150 an acre. That there should be a general advance was inevitable. That it has been lacking in sensational features up to the present is remarkable in view of the substantial growth which the city has been undergoing and the future as a business centre which it must have in store for it. Those who are dealing in property have long since ceased to consider Calgary and Edmonton as rivals. They will both undoubtedly become great cities, as each has an immense and fertile territory tributary to it.

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George H. Shaw traffic manager of the C. N. R. in the course of an interview at Winnipeg, made the following statement:

"I am informed that there is at Morinville a vein of coal 17 feet thick, 13 feet below the surface. The coal is a lignite, slightly inferior to the Lethbridge coal, but preferred to it owing to its free burning qualities and to the fact that it is free from soot. I had a carload of this coal brought to the city a year ago for the purpose of testing it and burned it in my grate and also in the furnace. There is no doubt that there is immense wealth of coal in the mines of Alberta, only waiting development, when these mines will rival in productiveness the mines of Pennsylvania."

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Arthur G. Harrison of Edmonton who has become so extensively interested in Vegreville property writes as follows to the Observer:

"I may say that I have written to both the C. P. R. Co. and G. T. P. R. Co to see if they desire to secure station sites. If the Vegreville Board of Trade or Town Council would take action in this matter it would be it seems to me of great advantage to Vegreville. Your local representative could also take the matter in hand. Vegreville cannot help but become a strong agricultural town, it should not be boomed. I may say right here that I bought the unsold portion of section 19 as a straight investment and not as a speculation. It is not my intention at present to part with the same. It is my intention however to endeavor as far as I am able to further the interests of Vegreville as a whole. What is good for one is good for another, but the growth of a real good agricultural town, such as Vegreville, should be slow and not in advance of the surrounding country."

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B. F. Huyke, the well-known Vegreville real estate man, has gone on a holiday trip to Ashland, Nebraska.

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Indications of the rapidly increasing prosperity of this province are in evidence every day. New buildings and new business houses are springing into existence in every town and village, and the rural population is rapidly increasing in numbers and wealth. Nothing, however indicates more surely and exactly the real increase in property than the large amounts of insurance which are being written all over this province. In a chat with Mr. E. A. Brown the Secretary-Treasurer of the Alberta-Canadian Insurance Company, the writer was surprised to learn that altho the Company had only had its charter assented to last June, and had not really been open for business until August they had already written nearly half a million dollars of fire insurance. This Company is entirely a local one, with its head office in Edmonton and its shareholders and directors all Westerners. It is pleasing to know how well the people have appreciated and supported the enterprise of the founders of this Company, who, seeing the need of a western company understanding western conditions, did not hesitate to embark in such a large undertaking.

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The Frank Paper announces that the International Coal and Coke Company will pay a dividend on the first of February. The dividend will be one per cent and will amount to about $28,000. This will be not only the International Company's first dividend, but the first dividend that has ever been paid in The Pass by any of the companies operating coal mines. This will be but a beginning as a like dividend will be paid quarterly

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Sunny Alberta.

Albert Laroche, while hunting for some cattle in the neighborhood of Steerford, near Medicine Hat, was lost in a blizzard. Hunting parties were organised, but after four days search was abandoned.

F. F. Fatt has resigned the postmastership at Medicine Hat after 15 years' tenure of office.

A fire, which started in the basement, did considerable damage to the Imperial Hotel at Alix last week.

St. Martin's Church, at Vegreville, was dedicated by Bishop Legal on Sunday, the 16th. His Lordship was assisted by Rev. Fathers Simonin of St. Paul des Matis; Daridon of Deer Lake; Leclinche of Cold Lake; Schmid of Wakow, Sask.; Garnier and Bernier of Vegrevile.

Mayor Michener, of Red Deer, is seeking to interest the Grand Trunk Pacific people in building a branch from near Saskatoon through Red Deer and the Yellowhead Pass to Vancouver. He has pointed out the important coal deposits to the east, the timber wealth to the west, and the valuable agricultural country such a line would traverse.

Two men of experience propose to erect a brewery with a capacity of 15,000 barrels a day at Red Deer. They wish to allot $10,000 of stock in the town.

Personal.

Premier Scott of Saskatchewan is suffering from an attack of pneumonia.

Ashworth Anderson, manager of the Union Bank at Okotoks (formerly of Edmonton) left for a prolonged visit to Ontario. Rumor sayeth there will be something doing in the matrimonial line ere he returns.—High River Times.

C. C. VanArsdol, chief G. T. P. engineer, left for the coast on Friday.

Rev. John McDougall of Calgary has returned from an extended visit to the east.

Chief Justice and Mrs. Sifton of Calgary are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Dennis of Cobourg, Ont.

Dr. C. F. Smith of Mecicine Hat has recovered sufficiently from his recent accident to go east. He will visit the hospitals of Chicago, New York and Rochester.

Harry Todd, manager of the Merchants Bank at Fort Saskatchewan, formerly of Edmonton, has been made manager at Wetaskiwin. G. Butler, accountant at Edmonton, goes to the Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cunningham have returned from Ontario. Mrs. Cunningham's health, her friends will be glad to know, has been much improved by the trip.

Major S. C. Paton left last week on his four months' trip around the world.

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A YELLOW PRESS ON A YELLOW PEOPLE.

The diplomatic correspondence that has been going on between the authorities at Washington and at Tokio, relative to the exclusion of Japanese from the schools at San Francisco, have given the yellow journals a chance which they have not had since 1898. It will be remembered that in the spring of that year W. R. Hearst sent Frederic Remington to act as artist for the New York Journal during the hostilities, which were thought to be impending. Remington got tired of waiting and sent back word that he didn't think that there was going to be a war. Hearst's reply is historic: "You stay there and draw and I'll provide the war." He was as good as his word. His papers worked on public feeling to such an extent as to force the executive's hand.

As a sample of what is now being served up to the American public, take the following extract from the Seattle Sunday Times, which appears with a greater sprinkling of large type than the Saturday New equipment can spare:

"Don't let Japan think for a moment because she was able to whale a lot of Chinamen, who could be driven like sheep to the shambles ten years ago—and a lot of Russians so ignorant that they never learned to read or write and who were fighting for ten cents a day instead of under the stimulus of a patriotic ambition, think for a moment that they would have a soft snap with Uncle Sam if they ever get into a tussle with him.

"We know that Japan has got a good navy,—that it is well manned and that it has been able to hold its own and make good every time with every nation with which it has fought down to the present,—but let it not reckon with Uncle Sam along those lines.

"Uncle Sam not only has a better navy than Japan ever dreamed of—but it is better manned and can vanquish the navy of any nation on the face of the earth!

"If Japan ever declares war against Uncle Sam, and she isn't put out of business inside of six months—then it will be because she is a better fighter than the Spaniards were in 1898!

"We don't care how civilised Japan has got to be all of a sudden—but when she pits her 45,000,000 of people against 90,000,000 of Yankees she will find out almighty quick that she isn't fighting morphine eating Chinamen, nor ignorant and serf-burdened Russians!

"We are getting almighty tired of this young bantam of the Pacific, strutting around the International barnyard, with a chip of his shoulder and seeking a fight without regard to who his opponent may be!

"This constant iteration that we have heard for the last six months that Japan can lick the United States in any war, reminds us of the boasting of the Spaniard, who for fifty years honestly believed that if he ever got a chance at Uncle Sam he would wipe him off the seas, if he didn't wipe him off the North American continent!

"The Spaniard grew so bold in his boasting and his insults—that one day he blew up an American war vessel—and then he saw an explosion that reminded him of all that his religion had taught him of hell.

"That was on the 15th day of February, 1898—and on the 10th day of August of that same year there wasn't a vestige of a Spanish navy left upon any seas. Not only that but there wasn't a Spanish possession left in the Atlantic, or the Pacific Ocean!

"So let Japan take warning!"

Comment is needless. Fortunately the American nation has in the present instance a strong man at the helm at Washington, whose sense of his responsibility is too great to be moved for a moment by popular clamor. When the matter first came up he directed a member of his Cabinet, Mr Metcalf, to make investigation, and in the special message which he issued to Congress last week, he made plain that he would enforce to the full extent the rights of the Japanese citizens of California. His Government has undertaken to test the constitutionality of the act excluding Japanese children from the schools.

"I authorised and directed Secretary Metcalf," says the message, "to state that if there was a failure to protect persons and property, then the entire power of the federal government within the limits of the constitution would be used promptly and vigorously to enforce the observance of our treaty, the supreme law of the land, which treaty guaranteed to Japanese residents everywhere in the Union, full and perfect protection for their persons and property and to this end, everything in my power would be done, and all the orces of the United States both civil and military, which I could lawfully employ, would be employed."

California cannot fail to understand this language.

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W. H. Taft, of Portland, Wash., representing the Pacific Live Stock Association, has been arrested in Red Deer, at the instance of the Portland authorities, on a charge of forgery.

Among those killed in the wreck on the Soo line near Enderlin, N.D., were Messrs D. J. and T. B. Beresford, two well-known Medicine Hat ranchers.

The Lethbridge Radial Tramway Co. is seeking power to construct an electric railway within the limits of Lethbridge and to points 80 miles distant.

V. C. James, manager of the Merchants Bank in Wetaskiwin, has been transferred to Medicine Hat. He has been one of the Elevator City's most progressive citizens and his departure is much regretted.

The Mormon Church is erecting a tabernacle at Cardston entirely of grey sandstone, which will cost somewhere near $50,000. It should be one of the finest buildings in Alberta.

The sudden death of Mrs. Gaetz, wife of Rev Dr. Gaetz, on Wednesday of last week, means the loss to Red Deer of one of its earliest residents and best loved women. She was the first white woman to live in the present town, coming with her husband from Nova Scotia in 1884. In addition to Dr. Gaetz the following children survive her: Ray L. Gaetz of Smith and Gaetz, Red Deer; Mayor elect H. H. Gaetz, of Red Deer; C. W. of Leduc and F. W., G. F. and D. W., of Red Deer. The daughters are Mrs. G. W. Smith, Mrs. Hugh Clark, Mrs. R. B. Woodsworth, Mrs. Harry Wallace, of Red Deer and Mrs. W. J. Stephenson, of Wetaskiwin

BORN

Peard.—At Medicine Hat, Alberta, on Wednesday, December 12, 1906, to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Peard, a son.

Jenson—On Tuesday, December 4th, 1906, to Mr. and Mrs. William Jenson, of Innisfail, a son.

Mackenzie-Grieve.—On Tuesday, December 11th 1905, to Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Mackenzie-Grieve, of Innisfail, a daughter.

Leaf.—At their residence, Stettler, Tuesday, December 13th, the wife of J. A. Leaf, of a daughter.

MARRIED

McLeod— McKenzie, — On December 18, by Rev. David Fleming, Margaret E., daughter of Mr and Mrs H. B. McKenzie, Strathcona, to Hector McLeod, C.N.R. contractor.

Beckett—McKay,—At Vermilion, on Dec. 18, by Rev. W. Simmons, Maud, daughter of W. D McKay, Vermilion, to A. Beckett.

DIED

Morrison—At Strathcona on Saturday, Dec. 15th, Elizabeth Ann, beloved wife of John Morrison, aged 30 years.

Martin — At Irvine, Alta., on Wednesday, Dec. 19, 1906, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Martin

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Though his way lies over the prairie green
And mine up the sunrise hill,
Though no more in my path may his light be seen,
And I never may travel the leagues between,
His succor aids me still.

For life is the chance of a friend or two
This side of the journey's goal.
Though the world be a desert the long night through,
Yet the gay flowers bloom and the sky grows blue
When a soul salutes a soul.

Fancy anyone trying to turn out a woman's page with Christmas just a tip-toe on the threshold! Imagine living to settle down to serious thinking with sleigh-bells jingling by at a two-forty gallop, small boys rushing in to make presentations of every store calendar in the town; every two minutes the express man pounding on the door just as an idea strikes you; and a particular small boy dashing in to see his Christmas tree every little while.

Motheree! but a journalist's life is no sinecure! and yet how you love it! How dear grows even the hardest grind of it; what jolly good friends it brings you, what a fine broad outlook it gives you on life. For in the day's work you learn of much that is splendid and generous in humanity, even as you discover a vast deal that is base and cruel and heartless.

Sometimes I am disposed to be a cynic— but never at Christmas. Never when way from dear old Ireland comes a real bit of Limerick lace, sent for by one of the dear new friends the new land and my work have made for me. Never while big-hearted John Chinaman peeps in the door with a tin of genuine Canton ginger "a melly Chlistmas" and a big bag for "lil' boy." I wonder how John knows about melly Chlistmas!—what it means to him?

He has just gone down stairs gripping hard a photo of the small boy which has apparently delighted him. John and I are the better for good wishes and the little mementoes.

But oh what kindness you encounter on all sides! In a strange land, away from kin-folks, how was it possible to imagine such loving hearts!

In the East I thought Christmas the dearest of days. Out West I have no name to describe the tenderness of it.

At home it was human to expect love and love's offerings, but here, a year ago one never dreamed of your existence. Just there lies the wonder of it, the something in a man and woman that grips you to them, them to you, and says "Behold a friend"

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Mr. Spongely (slightly related)—Splendid! Magnificent! Do you know, Uncle Eli, I believe I shall never get tired of seeing the sun set behind that hill!

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goal." What on earth amounts to a twopenny bit beside it?

But perhaps I have tired you. How, you ask me, are we to be made the wiser by such talk? As if the world were not already so full of wisdom that the very babes in short clothes prate it at you from their cradles upwards. Far from desiring to add to either yours or the world's knowledge, I have only striven to occasionally help you to forget—to perhaps make you smile and surely if I have accomplished that aim I have not written entirely in vain.

Have you formulated your New Year's resolutions as yet, and how long I wonder will any of us keep them? I ran across one of Henry Van Dyke's the other day, applicable for an author primarily, but which struck me as worth pasting on even a modest penny a liner's desk. I give it to you because we can all learn something from its inspirations:

"Lord, let me never tag a moral to a story nor tell a story without a meaning. Make me respect my material so much that I dare not slight my work. Help me to deal very honestly with words and with people, because they are both alive. Show me that, as in a river, so in writing, clearness is the best quality, and a little that is pure is worth more than much that is mixed. Teach me to see the local color without being blind to the

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The second annual convention of the Alberta Farmers' Association will commence at Calgary on January 9th. A year ago the association had been in existence just a few weeks. Today it has its branches all over the province and promises to become a source of no ordinary strength to the agriculturists of Alberta. In its service it has been able to enlist some of the ablest, most intelligent and most energetic representatives of the world's premier industry that any part of the continent can lay claim to. It has been guided most successfully over the many pitfalls that have beset the first stages of its career and it now stands in such a position as to be able to reap for the benefit of the farmers of the province the results of the months of early effort. The members are full of enthusiasm and thoroughly convinced that they are upon the right track, as every unprejudiced outsider who has followed the work of the association must be. With such a spirit as at present prevails there should be no question about the success of the coming convention and of the year's operatious, for which plans will be prepared when the delegates assemble.

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The work of organization goes steadily on. Last week the Saturday News reported the establishment of a branch at Innisfail. This week the farmers at Red Deer are meeting for a similar purpose.

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One of the best of the branches has been that at Vegreville, of which the capable secretary is Mr. Thomas Balaam. In eleven months the members have increased from five to one hundred. They will build an elevator on their own account early in the year and possibly a mill. In the meanwhile they are shipping through a commission house agent. By purchasing barb wire through the association over $100 was saved and at least $30.0 by that of binder twine. Mr. Balaam estimates that the Association has been chiefly instrumental in raising the local market price for oats from 20c. to 22c. and 23c. per bushel. His estimate of gain from that source is $1,800. Wheat is placed in the same category as oats in respect to advanced prices. His estimated gain on wheat is over $2,000. The officers chosen for the coming year are: President, G. T. Gascoigne; Vice President, H. Trenhaile; Directors, J. J. Stanton, A. E. Wilson, H. T. Payne, John Flemming, F. Dennis and Thos. Tierney.

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The Lacombe convention certainly had a good effect in bringing to public notice the exact differences between the two farmers' associations. "H. D." writing from Beaver Lake to the Vegreville Observer says:

"We know a little more about the Lacombe convention, and it appears probable from all accounts that the Society of Equity is chiefly to blame for the miscarriage of the negotiations; indeed it looks as though the guiding spirits of this society had pretty well settled matters in their minds before the convention opened; if not, for what reason was Col. Gregory, the moderate, sensible and conciliatory delegate appointed at the outset, withdrawn for the uncompromisingly short-sighted, self sufficient individual to whom the failure of ths convention is chiefly attributable. Were a new convention to be called, with delegates bearing an imperative mandate from their constituents, the result would probably be very different. Failing this, members of local unions of the Equity will have to consider if it will not be to their interest to leave this Society, name and all, and join the A F. A. This does not mean that we are in favor of restricting the field of operations to Alberta alone; but the question is not important because so soon as powerful and successful organizations are at work in the several provinces their common interests will bring them together."

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The A. F. A. expects that these different provincial organizations will work together in time. But if this co-operation is to be brought about, it is necessary that one of them should not intrude on the territory of the other. There is a strong organization now in existence in Saskatchewan. Why should Albertan farmers not be willing to leave the control of that territory in the Saskatchewan association's hands? In regard to matters affecting both provinces, the two bodies could act together. The provincial organization has been maintained and found most effective by the farmers of the rest of Canada. Why should Albertan farmers not be content with looking after their own territory?

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Mr E. N. Barker, secretary of the Cardston branch of the A F.A. writes to the Saturday News as follows:—"We had quite a lively sitting of the Grain Commission at McLeod, and the A.F.A. put six men up, two from Cardston, two from Magrath, and two from Raymond. We upheld the Edmonton plea for grade for oats, but we find you do not beat us on weight per bushel, at least this year, and the commissioners seemed to be fairly confident by the time they reached us that Alberta oats were "the" thing. Only if Alberta is to carry the name for winter wheat as well as oats where does Saskatchawan come in? Still I claimed that any body, single, double, or plural, that could produce something better than others was entitled to a trade mark if it or they could substantiate the claim. Of course the commission has not held sittings in Saskatchewan, but we have Manitoba beaten, and we have known this as to wheat for some time, so if our farmers will farm better and select seed Alberta brands will soar. It was found in the course of the travels of the commission that we had no scale by which to price the white winter wheat of Alberta. Of course our main disagreement with things earthly here is as to freight rates, and if the rest of Alberta has a uniform rate of 32 1-2 cents per 100 on milling stuffs, etc., to Vancouver, this district should not be paying the full local rate of 11 cents per 100 in addition to what others who are not on this branch line pay. Equal opportunity for the farmer should be a fair cry. Crops were better than expected here this year, but there is lots of threshing to do yet. Many farmers are building

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granaries and holding their grain. The problem for the future would seem to lie in erecting lots of mills and milling our wheat at home, for we are far from market and it will not pay to haul uncleaned grain, and hauling the bran and shorts away costs money, besides which these bran and shorts could be made into good meat. This has been an early winter so far, but the last few days have been much warmer here with a good blast or two of the Chinook breeze. Still, our severe weather is looked upon by those further East, who drift in here, as easy to what they are used to."

J. Halstead, assistant general freight agent of the C. P. R. writes from Calgary as follows:

"I have just learned that at Edmonton a larger proportion of the grain is shipped by independent parties than at other point in Alberta and it will no doubt be interesting to these shippers to know of the conditions in British Columbia, both in the Kootenay and coast districts. In the Dominion customs report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1906, I find an item of 3,992 barrels of soft wheat flour brought into the Kootenay from Spokane, this being a special pastry flour manufactured from soft white wheat, of which so far only a limited quantity has been raised in Alberta. I also notice that the coast cities of Vancouver, Victoria, New Westminster, and Nanaimo imported from Washington State, during the same period, 19,270 barrels of flour. To meet the situation and to enable Alberta shippers to reach these markets we need a larger growth of soft white wheat."

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The Saturday News is pleased to note that the testimony of the grain inspector at Calgary before the grain commission there fully sustains the contention of the Alberta Farmers' Association in Edmonton. The secretary of the A. F. A. contended that it would be difficult to find oats in Alberta that were mature, clean, plump and sound that would not weigh 42 lbs. or more to the measured bushel. Inspector Hill who has means of knowing whereof he speaks, goes one better and says: "No less than 85 per cent of the oats grown in Alberta will weigh over 43 lbs. per bushel." It was a common remark at the Seed Fair in February last, that this province was entitled to a special grade for her best oats. As soon as it was known that the commission would visit Alberta, the secretary of the association requested the locals near the points at which the commission would sit to take the matter up and appear before them. Although not all of the branches were sufficiently alive to the importance of the movement to do so, a sufficient number were to make out a good case. The Calgary witnesses fully sustained Mr. Warner's statement also as to the importance of a terminal elevator at the coast. It is of especial importance and significance that both of these claims were made by two distinct bodies, and without any pre-arrangement between them.

The experience before the grain commission serves as further evidence of this fact that the A. F. A. does not exist merely for the benefit of its own members but that it intends to make itself useful to the province by promoting the interests of all the farmers and through them that of all other classes as well.

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The annual meeting of the Clover Bar branch of the A. F. A. was held at Clover Bar school on Dec. 20. The following officers were elected: President, R. P. Ottewell in place of the retiring president, Wm. Keith; Vice President, J. O. Parminter in place of the retiring Vice President, R. P. Ottewell; Sec.-Treas. W. F. Wilkinson was re-elected. After considerable discussion R. P. Ottewell was appointed as a delegate to attend the annual convention to be held in Calgary Jan. 9. Quite a number of new names were enrolled for the coming year with a renewal of all the old ones present. There is still room for more on the list however It was decided to hold the next meeting on Monday evening, Jan. 14, when a report of the delegate sent to Calgary will be heard. All the farmers of the district are invited to join the A. F. A.

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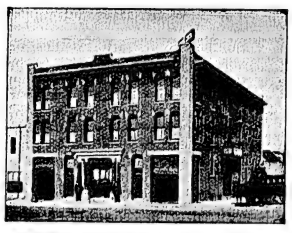

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THE LOUNGER

The graduating class of Manitoba College has decided to perpetuate the glories of their year by offering for competition a most unique scholarship; none other than a free university education to the first child born to a member of '07. Articles have been drawn up and solemnly signed by each member, with the others acting as witnesses, promising to share in the expense of this scholarship. A christening mug, engraved with the names of the boys, has also been dedicated. In other words these collegians have taken upon themselves to endow a post-graduate course, by which the holders of the degree of B. A. may add that of P. A. or the more honorable one still of M. A. to their names.

The west can teach the rest of the world something about everything. For instance down in Alix the other day, the people gave us a wrinkle in fire-fighting which I venture to say no firemen's convention ever discussed. The Imperial Hotel in that town took fire and the correspondent of the Stettler Independent sent his paper a vivid account of the occurrence.

"The barber's shop" he wrote "is next door to the hotel and with much forethought Mr. Fellowes hitched three teams to it and moved it some distance away." What would be simpler? Down in the effete east, where they move so slowly, they would have let the shop burn. Here they go on the Mahomet and the Mountain principle. If a railway doesn't pass through a town, the latter wastes no time in languishing away in solitude but immediately moves over to the railway, leaving the old town site bare prairie as it was in the days when buffalo and Indians roamed over it. In a buoyant country like ours, it is a pretty large obsta le that a community cannot overcome.

Edmonton's postoffice is getting a bad "rep" throughout the country. Here is an extract from the report of a recent meeting of the Medicine Hat Board of Trade:

"President Crawford stated that the service was very bad between Edmonton and Medicine Hat. He had written letters from the former city to Medicine Hat and had been home for two days before the letters arrived. It was also a notorious fact that in Edmonton it took two days for a letter to be sent from one side of the river to the other."

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On Trial

Oh, give us a "brittle marriage,"
A fetter that we may break
With comparative ease
Whenever we please,
If we put up the proper stake.

Oh, give us a wife on trial,
And then if we do not like
The sample we've got,
As easy as not
We can give her the outward hike.

Oh, give us a trial husband,
And if we're dissatisfied,
We can let him go
For another, you know,
To whom we may point with pride.

Oh, give us a home on trial,
A home that you read about,
And then if we find
It is not the right kind,
The kicker may pack and move out.

Oh give us a trial baby,
A bright little crowing cuss,
And then if we—say,
Goldarn your new way,
That baby belongs to US.

See?

W. J. LAMPTON.

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A friend sends the Lounger the above clipping from the New York Sun, as showing the latest trend of thought in the versatile east. The verses are clever and flippant, as the most of what appears in the Sun is. By its satire, it has been able to do more to show people's follies in their true light than it could by many columns of serious comment. But the subject is a serious one and Lord knows where the present tendencies are going to lead us to. Father Kelly's genial philosophy, as quoted by "Mr. Dooley" seems to me the best that has been uttered on the question for a long while. I cannot resist the temptation to quote in full one paragraph.

"'If people knew they cudden't get away fr'm each other they'd settle down to life'" said the reverend father "just as I determined to like coal smoke whin I found th' collection wasn't big enough to put a new chimbley in th' parrish house. I've achally got to like it,' he says. 'There ain't anny condition iv human life that's not endurable if ye make up ye'er mind that ye've got to endure it,' he says. 'Th' trouble with th' rich, he says, 'is this, that whin a rich man has a perfectly nachral scrap with his beloved over breakfast, she stays at home an' does nawthin' but think about it, an' he goes out an' does nawthin but think about it, an' that afthernoon they're in then lawyers' office,' he says. 'But whin a poor gintleman an' a poor lady fall out, the poor lady puts all her anger into rubbin' th' zinc off th' washboard an' th' poor gintleman aises his be mun dhrin' a slag pile with a shovel, an' be th' time night comes around he says to himsilf: "Well, I've got to go home annyhow, an' it's no use I shud be onhappy because I'm misjudged," an' he puts

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The Lounger

a pound iv candy into his coat pocket an' goes home an' finds her standin' at th' dure with a white apron on an' some new ruching around her neck,' he says.

Truer words were never written and it is well that the reading public is getting away from writers of the "they lived happy ever after" school. We have to get down to realities. There is perfection nowhere and the sooner we recognize that and are prepared to make the best of things as we find them, the better chance we have for a large share of real happiness. "Was there iver a friendship that was anything more than a kind iv suspinsion bridge between quarrels?" asks Father Kelly in another part of his discourse. "In ivry branch iv life we leap from scrap to scrap." But those who scrap hardest are very frequently those who think the most of one another. Perhaps this isn't conventional Christmas doctrine and may jar with some of the sermons my readers have heard during the week. But I am free to confess that I think Father Kelly a more effective preacher than most of the gentlemen of the cloth I have heard myself.

On the main line of the C.P.R. is a "railroad eating house" with an original proprietor. The other day he put out the following sign:

Pies like mother used to make
5 cents.
Pies like mother used to try to make 10 cents.

The publisher of a country contemporary, who I know possesses a genial soul, which the most untoward events cannot freeze up, excused the abbreviated appearance of his paper a few weeks ago by telling his readers that the first page had been pied, the boy letting it fall down two flights of stairs. The boy was brought for a reprimand before the editor. The latter, having been long enough in the business to realise that it is no use crying over spilled type, merely murmured: "Well, my boy, I only hope that next time you'll break the news more gently."

In the "In Memoriam" column of a leading newspaper there appeared not long since the following notice: "In loving memory of ——, beloved wife of ——, who died at ——. This is inserted by her sorrowful daughters. What is home without a mother?" 'Peace, perfect peace.'"

Possibly it was the same newspaper which published this advertisement: Wanted, a gentleman to undertake the sale of a patent medicine. The advertiser guarantees that it will be profitable to the undertaker."

Down in Southern Alberta there is a community of Americans, nearly all coming from the State of Iowa. The recent gubernatorial election in that State was followed with keen interest. The first Canadian papers to arrive after election day did not give the result. Two days after polling had taken place the only Iowa daily that was taken in the vicinity was due to arrive. It would, of course, contain the desired information. A crowd gathered at the post office. The subscriber went to the wicket and asked for his mail. He grasped the paper and hastily scanned it. At last he threw it in the air with a shout of exultation.

"What's the news? who's elected?" several demanded at once.

"Elected nothing," replied the man. "Emerald Fitzhugh marReginald Abercrombie after all!"

The moral of which is that publishers who neglect to run a serial love story may be making a serious mistake.

THE LOUNGER

With the Investors.

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from this time forward, and the expectation is that the amount of the dividend will be increased. The news is most gratifying, says the Frank paper, as it indicates that the day of continuous outlay by the mining companies is passing and that of profit making is at hand.

The present season's scarcity of coal is bound to lead to great activity in coal mining in Northern Alberta. With the remarkable deposits that exist in the vicinity of Edmonton and with capital seeking investment in the west, the present conditions can only be temporary. One of the latest ventures is at Beaver Lake, where Thomas L. Parsons, a Pennsylvania miner of wide experience, is opening up a rich deposit for an Edmonton syndicate composed of Messrs. Crafts, Lee, Black and Gallinger. The mine is one mile south of the G. T. P. townsite of Tofield. Modern methods are being applied and within a year the output is expected to be upwards of 1000 tons a day. The projectors think that they can put it on the cars at $1 a ton. If they can do this, it will mean not a little relief to the consumer. The coal is close to the surface, so that the cost of operation will be small.

McDougall street values have undergone a big rise since the temporary postoffice was installed there last spring and the site of the permanent building was selected on the other side of the road. The street presents a much different appearance from what it did a year ago. Where all mail has to be secured at the postoffice, the latter's presence in a vicinity means much for business. But we are to have a house-to-house delivery in a few weeks. Have those who have invested in McDougall street property considered the effect which this will likely have? How many people have occasion to go to the postoffice in a large city? In Toronto when the postoffice was burned a short while ago, it was proposed to take it away from the business section altogether and place it somewhere on cheaper property near the railway station. It was of more advantage, it was considered, to be close to the trains than to the public. However there are sure to be compensations on McDougall street. A city hall and market building on the second block north cannot be long delayed and further up the court house will soon be in place.

A. M. C. Nicol, W. D. Matheson and R. N. Hankley have started business as the Provincial Real Estate Company at 319 Jasper avenue.

H. C. Taylor of Taylor, Boyle & Parlee, Edmonton, has returned from New Brunswick.

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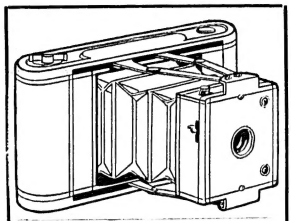

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The Mirror

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inner light. Give me an ideal that will stand the strain of weaving into human stuff on the loom of the real. Keep me from caring more for books than for folks, for art than for life. Steady me to do my full stint of work as well as I can, and when that is done stop me, pay what wages thou wilt, and help me to say from a quiet heart a grateful Amen."

And now you will watch this page to see how soon my good resolutions fail me, and I shall keep an interested eye on some of you who have confessed that the New Year was to see a fresh leaf turned in your life's book.

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A TRYSTING SONG.

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Dear, Dear,
As the night draws nigh, draw near.
The world's forgotten;
Work is done;
The hour for loving
Is begun.

Sweet, Sweet,
It is love-time when we meet.
The hush of desire
Falls with the dew,
And all the evening
Turns to you.

Child, Child,
With the young heart wise and wild.
My spirit trembles
Under your hand;
You look in my eyes
And understand.

Mine, Mine,
Mistress of mood divine.
What lore of the ages
Bids you know
The heart of a man
Can love you so?

—Charles G. D. Roberts

HOME AND SOCIETY.

His Honour, The Lieutenant-Governor, will hold a levee at Government House on New Year's Day from 3 to 5 o'clock. As the city residences have now been numbered, callers at this and any future function at Government House are requested to write their street number in the local address column in the visitors' book.

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The week just past has been an exceedingly dull one socially, and with the exception of a large number of Christmas dinner parties there has been little sufficiently important to chronicle in regard to Home and Society. The mere mention of Christmas dinner, however, calls to mind a perfect train of merry parties I have heard whispers of. Mrs. Justice Scott was the hostess of one of these, when twelve guests participated in such delightful hospitality as it is one's privilege to enjoy but seldom. After dinner the original number of guests was added to by several others who came in to spend the evening, which was given over to the playing of all the familiar games, and a merry hunt for presents that carried the guests from attic to cellar in an Eldorado chase that left them the proud possessors of lovely little souvenirs from their thoughtful hostess.

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Christmas being an intimately personal day I shall draw the curtain on many jolly happenings I might divulge. Sufficient that many otherwise lonely ones partook of such hospitality as the fairy-books would tell you of, thanks to the most unselfish of hostesses, and that the Christmas of 1906 will go down in many memories as a day long to be remembered.

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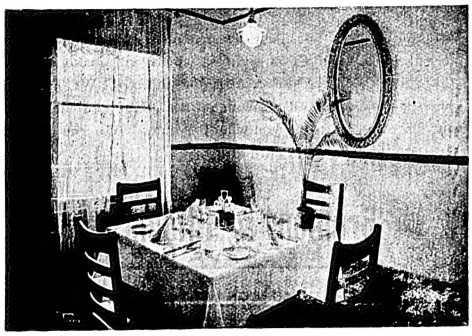

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Mrs. John Sommerville all entertained at dinner on Christmas night, Mrs. Sommerville's being a strictly formal affair, preceded by a Christmas tree celebration.

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On Wednesday evening a dinner-dance was given by Mr. Madill at the Prince Arthur, in honor of two grooms-to-be, Mr. Geo. Stockand and Mr. Garnet Morris, when twenty four guests enjoyed the most charming hospitality. Dinner was served in the large dining room which was gayly decorated with palms and quantities of cut flowers. At each plate a spray or buttonhole of lovely carnations rested, which, with the pretty place-cards, made an attractive souvenir of the happy occasion. Several toasts were proposed and wittily responded to, Mrs Morris making a decided hit with her little advisory speech to the two prospective happy ones. Throughout the dinner and dance following, Harper's orchestra played a splendid programme of the latest popular music. Those who were present at the dinner included :—Mrs Justice Scott, Mrs. J. H. Morris, Mrs. Hubbell, Mrs. Mercer, Mrs. Allan Fraser, the Misses Abby Sommerville, Pat. Matheson, Alice Pruyne, Gladys McLean, Saidie Wishart, Claire Lauder, and Messrs J. K. Cornwall, J. H. Morris, Geo. Stockand, Garnet Morris, Harry Morris, Mercer, Fraser, Supple, Biggar, Jardine, and Ranton.

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Mr. Geo. Stockand's wedding to Miss Cameron takes place in Calgary on January 3rd, that of Mr. Morris to Miss Brownie Wishart, of Winnipeg, on or about the 15th of the month. On their return from their honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Stockand will take up their residence on Eighth St, in Mr. Morrow's house, which Mr Stockand leased several months ago.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mowat are visiting Mrs. McLaren, of St. George Street, Toronto.

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One of the Yule-tide visitors in town who is attracting a vast amount of admiration is Mrs. Senator Roy, of Ottawa, who is visiting her mother Mrs. Harrison Young. At a recent card-party she came in late for a cup of tea, and looked strikingly lovely in a smart tailor-made and handsome furs. I think Ottawa life must be agreeing with our newly-appointed Senator's wife, as on all sides I hear expressions of appreciation regarding her great charm and personal beauty. I believe Mrs. Roy remains in town until the eighth, when she returns to Ottawa for the opening.

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On Christmas day I received an attractive photo of the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver's handsome home in Ottawa, which has been the scene of a great deal of gayety since their return from abroad. One of the most recent functions was a luncheon for Miss Eleanor Taylor, of Edmonton, when the table was most charmingly done in pink carnations and feathery ferns, fourteen pretty girls being the guests of the occasion.

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Christmas Day witnessed a very happy event, when Miss Margaret McKinnon, daughter of Mrs. James McKinnon, of Eighth St., became the bride of Mr. A. T. Walker, formerly of Edmonton, now of Vegreville. The Rev. D. G. McQueen performed the solemn ceremony, and Miss Hazel Walker played the wedding march The house was beautifully decorated with quantities of holly, ropes of evergreen, and exquisite roses, and the bride was prettily gowned in cream silk colienne over taffeta, and wore the groom's gift, a pearl necklace. She was attended by Miss Lucille Walker, who made a bonny little flower girl.

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The ball given in the opera house, Medicine Hat, on December 13 by "D" squadron, Canadian Mounted Rifles, under the patronage of Major and Mrs. Sissons was a most notable social event. The music, the floor, the decorations, and last, but not by any means least, the supper, were all perfect, says the Medicine Hat News. The mural adornment attracted no little attention, flags, rifles, swords and bayonets in artistic hands lending themselves readily to decorations which were indeed beautiful. The fact of the officers, non-commissioned officers and men appearing in uniform still further enhanced the general appearance of the ball room.

The committee was composed of Sgt.-Maj. J. E. McClellan, Sergt. C. R. Mitchell, Sergt. D. H. Williamson, Cpl. T. J. Taylor, Cpl. E. C. Dunham, Cpl. C. W. Harlow, Sergt. F. S. Pingle (hon. sec.)

The patronesses were : Mrs. C. F. Smith, Mrs. E. J. Fewings, Mrs. H. Jenkins, Mrs. Ridpath, Mrs. W. Parker, Mrs. F. L. Crawford, Mrs. W. Cousins, Mrs. S. Harris, Mrs. Alan Parker, Mrs. A. P. Burns, Mrs. F. G. Forster, Mrs. J. B. Barreau, Mrs. J. Nicholson, Mrs. (Dr.) Woodland, Mrs. O. W. Kealy, Mrs. H. B. Dudham, Mrs. D. H. Williamson, Mrs. J. E. McClellan, Mrs. C. S. Pingle, Mrs. W. N. Adsit, Mrs. R. D. Smith, Mrs. J. H. Spencer, Mrs. W. T. Finlay, Mrs. W. A. Burton.

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Mrs. A. F. Grady, wife of the mayor of McLeod, held her post-nuptial reception at the first of the month, when a very large number of friends availed themselves of the privilege of welcoming her to the town. As a social function the affair was a brilliant one. Mr. and Mrs. Grady were marriek in Nova Scotia during the autumn.

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K. C. PICKEL
THE JEWELER

The Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire of Westward Ho Chapter acknowledge very gratefully the following contributions to the ambulance fund. Messrs Moffat, McCoppen and Bull Co., $60.; Mr W. W. Whyte, 2nd Vice-Pres., C.P.R., Winnipeg, $50; Mr Balfour, Gen. Manager Union Bank, $20; Mrs. H. C. Taylor, $10; Mrs Hardisty, $10; Mrs. Clark Murray, Montreal; Founder of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, $5; Mr. Ritchie, of C.P.R., Winnipeg, $5. In acknowledging the above subscriptions the Chapter desire to say that they did not deem it advisable to accept Messrs Moffat and McCoppen's former generous offer, as its acceptance would close the list to those who had not had the opportunity to contribute.

Teas and teas there be but none in the social calendar that can be compared for a moment to the real Christmas tea, when fragrant evergreens, exquisite holly and all the other festive decorations lend their charms to the adornment of house and table.

Such a tea claimed Mrs. Herring Cooper as hostess on Thursday afternoon, when her cosy, commodious house on Fourth St. was gayly en fete for the occasion.

In the fine square hall, in the drawing room, on through a perfect gem of a smoking room and in the tea-room, bright grate fires, festoonings of evergreens radiating from central lights, holly and the warm, soft light from innumerable red candles, conspired to detain one later than usual amid such pleasant surroundings.

Mrs. Cooper gave each guest a hospitable welcome on her arrival and was most becomingly gowned in a pretty frock of soft grey voile, over the same shade of taffeta, with yoke and trimming of grey satin to correspond.

In the tea-room numbers of interesting people met and exchanged the season's greetings, while the table was a vision of the brightest loveliness with its snowy foundation and red and green decorations. In the centre on an oblong mirror, with an exquisite lace centre-piece, rested a tall cut-glass vase of red carnation, airy fern and smilax. Outlining the mirror were billows of soft white tulle and smilax, while deep-red satin ribbons radiated to the four corners of the table, and culminated in great flat bows, on which reposed heavy brass candlesticks holding filagree silver and red shaded candle lights. Scattered over the table were sprigs of holly, while suspended over all was a huge bell-shaped light, done in red tissue paper and holly with long satin streamers. The whole effect was brilliantly lovely and called forth a great many expressions of admiration. Mrs. Hubbell and Mrs. Hislop, were two popular young matrons who did the honors of the tea-room, while Mrs. Pace assisted in looking after the guests in the reception room. Four pretty girl assistants who passed tea and dainties were Miss Grace Johnston, Miss Alice Pruyne, Miss Jessie Lynch and Miss Webster.

Altho' I arrived too late to notice a great many of the guests, I remarked among other late arrivals Mrs. Pardee, Mrs. Swaisland, Mrs J. H. Morris, Mrs. Day, Mrs. Graydon, Mrs. Nightingale, Mrs. Alex. May, Mrs Scoble, Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. Macdonald of Prince Albert, Mrs. Robert Mays, Miss Hudsbeth, Miss Wishart, Miss McKenny, Miss Viva, Miss Abby and Miss Dorothy Sommerville, Miss Pat. Matheson and many others.

After the tea Mrs. Cooper gave a dance for her young son, Charley, when the very young set had a perfectly lovely time.

Mrs. Elliott Helliwell has returned from a three month's visit to the Northwest, of which she speaks with enthusiasm. Her son Harry came back with her and is spending a few days in Montreal but returns here for Christmas. He has been very successful in the far west, as all his friends are glad to hear.—Toronto Saturday Night.

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The Lieut-Governor has requested me to explain that the levee to be held at Government House on New Year's Day is intended as a reception solely for men. As there seems to have been some misconception in the matter he thought it better to have this clearly understood.

Peggy

Note and Comment.

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been, owing to the labor troubles in Southern Alberta. For the time being hardship is undoubtedly experienced, but matters are bound to right themselves in a short while. With the magnificent mineral resources that lie all about us, there is no fear of any permanent drawback through high-priced fuel. They are certain to make Edmonton a great manufacturing centre as well as a most desirable place of residence by virtue of the reasonableness of the price at which this, one of the prime necessities, can be secured. Incidentally, it might be remarked, that while it is worth while engaging the services of Mr. Mitchell, the hydraulic engineer from Niagara Falls, who has been making tests in regard to water-power on the river, no one will be greatly disappointed if he reports against the feasibility of a power scheme. Our coal areas should be enough for all power purposes.

Here and There.

The new Alexander Taylor school on Jasper Avenue will be erected on plans almost altogether similar to those of the McKay Avenue school.

J. R. Boyle, M.P.P., is spending the holidays in Edmonton, having just returned from Vancouver and Victoria, where the grain commission held sittings.

C. A. Magrath, of Lethbridge, land commissioner of the A.R.I. Co. for 21 years, has resigned his post. He will continue to live in Lethbridge.

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The first timber wolf discovered in the neighborhood of Edmonton in many years was shot by Harold Ball on Monday, six miles west of the city.

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A committee of the Associated Boards of Trade, consisting of Wm. Short and F. T. Fisher, of Edmonton, and R. J. Hutchings, of Calgary, interviewed the Attorney General on Saturday for the purpose of presenting the requests of that body for some changes in the commercial law. They were assured that legislation would be introduced to facilitate the collection of debts and that an assignment act along the lines of that in force in Manitoba would also be brought before the House.

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Thomas Hallett, while under the influence of drink, hanged himself at his house in Elizabeth street last Friday. He leaves a wife and family.

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The Royal Templars were addressed by Rev. A. S. Tuttle at the First Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Tuttle declared that the ordinance forbidding the granting of a license in a place where there were less than forty residents was not enforced.

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The Caledonian Society will celebrate "Hogmanay" in Houriston's Hall on Monday night.

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The many friends of Donald Ross will sympathise with him in the bereavement sustained by the death of his sister, Miss Jean Ross, of Winnipeg, which took place on Dec. 19, after a lingering illness.

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The school board has decided to advance the salaries of teachers, giving them the remuneration to which they would be entitled in 1908 under the scale of increase at present in force. The women teachers are not satisfied with the arrangement, believing that they are entitled to a greater increase than they obtain under it.

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A league of the Sacred Heart has been organised in connection with St. Jouchim's Church.

An Incident of a Homestead Fire.

Clad only in a thin night robe, a pair of overshoes, and a quilt for protection, the wife of Mr Drousse, a homesteader of the Tramping Lake district, near Battleford, fled from a burning house early on Saturday morning, and carrying in her arms her six weeks old babe, ran through the blizzard and bitterly cold morning air to the house of the nearest neighbor, nearly a mile away. As a result she suffered a badly frozen foot and has been taken to Battleford for treatment.

The house caught fire while the family were still asleep, and the blaze got a great start before it was discovered. The Drousses, half suffocated, were awakened by the choking smoke. There was no time to dress for the flames were crackling and roaring through the house.

Mrs. Drousse's first thought was for the baby asleep in the crib. She snatched him up and, after slipping a pair of rubbers on her feet, caught up a quilt around her, groped her way through the fire and smoke to the outer air, and ran for her life and that of her baby. The temperature was 30 below zero. On the way she lost one of the overshoes but kept on running with her bare foot.

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